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MAYOR BALLARD NAMES RICK HITE NEW CHIEF OF IMPD

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today named Rick Hite as chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD). Public Safety Director Troy Riggs joined city officials for the swearing-in ceremony, in which Mayor Ballard presented Chief Hite with the oath of office and badge.

“Since joining our team over two years ago, Chief Hite has helped to bring much-needed reforms and tactics to improve training within our Department of Public Safety,” said Mayor Ballard. “Chief Hite will continue our efforts to create the best public safety team in the nation, made up of 1,600 men and women who risk their lives and serve our community every day.”

Hite was promoted to chief of IMPD from his current position as interim chief. Prior to serving as IMPD interim chief, Hite served as the Department of Public Safety’s Deputy Director of Training and Strategic Services. He has been with the City of Indianapolis since September 2010. A native of Gary, Ind., Hite served 32 years with the Baltimore City Police Department in Maryland.

“I am honored to become commander of one of the best police forces in the country, focused on crime reduction and community policing,” said Chief Hite. “IMPD will continue to work with local businesses, neighborhood associations and community groups to keep families safe and protect our residents and visitors.”

Hite was sworn in as acting chief of IMPD on April 17. His appointment as IMPD chief will be filed with the City-County Council for consideration.

“Chief Hite is an effective leader and an experienced public safety official who understands policing and community,” said Public Safety Director Riggs. “I am confident in his ability to lead our efforts to drive down crime and improve quality of life for everyone.”

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Mission Statement:

We are dedicated to upholding the highest professional standards while serving the community in which we work and live. We are committed to the enforcement of laws and to protect life and property, while also respecting individual rights, human dignity and community values. We are committed to creating and maintaining active police/community partnerships and assisting citizens in identifying and solving problems to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

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